

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2025

A Caucus was held prior to the meeting to discuss Agenda items. Council members Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite were present.

Council President Darrow presented a commendation to the Luther family in recognition of Luther Farms' 125 years of operation in Richfield Township.

The following individuals provided a public comment: Ben Sponseller, Anna Stevenson, Phaedra Norrell and Robert (Kent) Quade.

Executive Shapiro and the following staff from the Executive's Office provided an update on House Bill 335: Colleen Kelly, Greta Johnson and Brian Nelsen.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

2025-178 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

M-033-2025 Kyle Julien and Richard Bancroft addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:35 PM in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL- Present: Mrs. Darrow, Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Ford, Ms. Higham, Mr. Kacyon, Mr. Licate, Mrs. McKenney, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite; Absent:

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held June 2, 2025.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Minutes were approved 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-033-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Kyle Julien (replacing Dave Kline) and Richard Bancroft (replacing Mayor Allen Mavrides) to the Planning Commission.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-033-2025 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

- 2025-178 **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2025 as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Mr. Donofrio moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2025-178 was adopted.

- 2025-179 **A Resolution approving the Human Resource Commission revised Social Service Group (27000), 27051-27056 Series and the addition of a 27030-27031 Series, as outlined in Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Human Resources, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

- 2025-180 **A Resolution granting design preparations for Springfield Township's Springfield Lake Outlet (County Ditch No. 45) Petitioned Drainage Improvement Project pursuant to Section 6131.12 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Ford

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

- 2025-181 **A Resolution authorizing the publication and legal notices for the proposed public improvement known as the Hinman Ditch (County Ditch No. 52) Improvements Project located in Coventry Township, and setting dates for the Public Viewing and Public Hearing pursuant to Section 6131.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Mr. Ford
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-182 **A Resolution authorizing the publication and legal notices for the proposed public improvement known as the Dorwick Ditch Improvements Project located in Northfield Center Township, and setting dates for the Public Viewing and Public Hearing pursuant to Section 6131.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Mr. Ford
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-183 **A Resolution to extend the final design report to August 1, 2026 for Northfield Center Township's Norwood Lake, Beech Drive and Cherry Lane ditch petition pursuant to Section 6131.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Mr. Ford
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-184 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. for the 2025 Summit County Regional Asphalt Rejuvenating Program, in an amount not to exceed \$130,494.61, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-185 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a lease-purchase agreement with Brown Equipment Company, under Sourcewell pricing, for a five-year term, for an IBAK MicroGATOR Cutter Truck, with a combination CCTV and lateral reinstatement cutter system, which will be financed through Republic First National Corporation, at a interest rate of 5.45%, for a total amount not to exceed \$754,770.00, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2025-186 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service contract with Four Points Architectural Services, Inc. for design services for the Summit Center Improvement Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 44.10%), for a total amount not to exceed \$130,700.00, for the Executive's Department of Administrative Services–Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

- 2025-187 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the repair and replacement of home sewage treatment systems, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

- 2025-188 **A Resolution declaring the month of August 2025 as Child Support Awareness Month in Summit County, recognizing that Support is Key and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement and to wear green on August 6, 2025, for the Prosecutor and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

- 2025-189 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with ArtsNow to support the Polsky Building Arts & Culture Project, which aims to expand the arts and culture facilities and programming in the Polsky Building, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

Routine Agenda Motion(s)

Mr. Schmidt moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2025-163 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Valley View Road Resurfacing Project, located in Sagamore Hills Township, in Council District 1, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,409,424.66, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Resolution 2025-163 was adopted.

2025-164 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with JD Stripping & Services, Inc. for the 2025 Regional Pavement Marking Program, in an amount not to exceed \$265,383.57, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Resolution 2025-164 was adopted.

2025-165 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Protect-A-Cote Inc. for the 2025 Summit County Regional Crack Sealing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$118,162.13, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Resolution 2025-165 was adopted.

- 2025-166 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of agreements for the acquisition of a temporary construction easement and the purchase of real property located at 299 East Howe Road for Project Q-836-1 Pump Station No. 82 Replacement and Force Main Replacement (“Project Q-836-1”), for an amount not to exceed \$2,139.00, located in the City of Tallmadge, in Council District 6, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-166 was adopted.
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- 2025-167 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Summit Construction Company, LLC. for the Summit Artspace Renovations Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$892,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Administrative Services-Physical Plants Division, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-167 was adopted.
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- 2025-168 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Wayne Garage Door Sales and Service Inc, dba Micelli Glass for the Medical Examiner’s Two-Story Curtain Wall Replacement Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$385,332.00, for the Executive’s Department of Administrative Services–Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-168 was adopted.
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- 2025-169 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Summit County Jail Windows Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$369,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Administrative Services–Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-169 was adopted.

- 2025-170 **A Resolution approving and accepting a subdivision titled “Sunset Drive Extension,” located in Copley Township, in Council District 5, for the Executive-Planning Commission and the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-170 was adopted.
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- 2025-171 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers of delinquent care and custody grant services as listed in Exhibit A, for the period 7/1/25 through 6/30/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$644,250.00, for the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-171 was adopted.
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- 2025-172 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service agreement with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 133.33%), for a total amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, toward the cost of continued legal representation and services on behalf of the County, in the matter of The Estate of Ryan Peterson vs. Oriana House, Inc., et al., for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-172 was adopted.
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- 2025-173 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts between certain providers and the Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services and the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments, to provide in-school and out-of-school youth employment and educational services under the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program, for the period of 7/1/25 to 6/30/26, with three options to renew for a one-year term, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,250,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-173 was adopted.

- 2025-174 **A Resolution determining the necessity of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a Second Amendment to the Bond Purchase Agreement relating to the \$21,000,000.00 County of Summit, Ohio, Health Care Facilities Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (Village at St. Edward Project); and authorizing and approving related matters, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Resolution 2025-174 was adopted.

- 2025-175 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with The Akron Art Museum for sponsorship of the Idea Machine Exhibition, for a two-year period, in the amount of \$100,000.00 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Resolution 2025-175 was adopted.

- 2025-176 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with GuidePoint Security LLC, as a Best Practical Source, for Artic Wolf Risk Management software, for a three-year term, from 8/23/25 to 8/22/28, in an amount not to exceed \$191,016.00, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Resolution 2025-176 was adopted.

- 2025-177 **An Amended Resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the voters of the County of Summit the question of the renewal and increase of an existing tax levy for the purpose of mental health and recovery programs for children, adults, and families for the County service district, and for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance and operation of the Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADM) Board facilities, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Resolution 2025-177 was adopted.

Presentation of New Business:

Presentation of Petitions to address Council:

Executive Session

Motion By:

Seconded By:

Motion Type:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Outcome:

Call To Order:

Reason:

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 5:42 pm. The next regular meeting will be held June 30, 2025 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 16th day of June, 2025.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrin

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL